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I, Stephen A. Wight, hereby declare as follows:

1. I prepared the patent application referenced above (i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 09/626,170 (hereinafter the '170 application) and filed the '170 application on July 27, 2000 on behalf of Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft), the assignee of the '170 application.

2. I understand that certain claims of the '170 application have been rejected in view of United States Patent No. 6,549, 768 to Fraccaroli [hereinafter, "Fraccaroli"] and United States Patent No. 6,587, 691 to Granstam et al. [hereinafter, "Granstam"]. I understand that Fraccaroli and Granstam have been cited as allegedly anticipating and/or rendering obvious certain claims pending in the '170 application.

3. I understand that Fraccaroli has a filing date of August 24th 1999, and that Granstam has a filing date of February 25, 2000.

4. I prepared the '170 application with due diligence, beginning before August 24th 1999 and continuing until the filing of the '170 application.

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